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### TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED TO TACKLE EPIDEMIC OF HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLER USE BY NJ YOUTH SET TO HOLD FIRST HEARING AT STATEHOUSE

TRENTON (May 24, 2012) – Former Governor Jim McGreevey and fourteen additional Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults members will hold the first in a series of public hearings at the New Jersey Statehouse in Trenton.

The hearing details are as follows:

**Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2012**

**Start Time: 10:00 am**

**Location: Statehouse Annex, Committee Room 4**

The Task Force expects to consider testimony from impacted family members; young persons in recovery from heroin and prescription painkiller addictions; and, treatment providers and law enforcement officials addressing heroin and other opiate use by New Jersey's youth and young adults.

The Task Force hearings are being held as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported deaths from prescription painkillers reached epidemic levels in the past decade and as heroin and other opiate treatment admissions continue to drastically rise in New Jersey. To learn more about the Task Force visit, [www.state.nj.us/treasury/gcada/events.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/gcada/events.shtml).